

Character Education

The Character Education word for December is: Kindness. Kindness is being positive, honoring our differences, listening to one another and discovering our similarities. Each week we will be giving away Subway Certificates to students who exhibit these characteristics!

Social Studies/ Weekly Reader

This week we will be learning about how other countries celebrate holidays. Vocabulary Words: traditions, celebrations, holidays

Math

This week we will be working with addition, and subtraction strategies, even & odd and counting money. We will also work on problem solving strategies. Please work with your child on memorizing math flash cards in addition and subtraction. We continue to do Mad Minute Math tests and CGI problems on a daily basis.

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Just a reminder:

Homework is:

- *Study spelling words
- *Read for 20 minutes every night
- *Memorize math flash cards for addition and subtraction
- *Practice writing short stories
- *Practice fluency sheets
- *Please remember to initial your child's planner with time read each night

Creative Writing

We are writing stories every day. We use various prompts that are aligned to our Common Core Standards. The students really get excited when it is writing time and sharing on the "Author's Chair."

Spelling

The students are working on spelling with ch, tch, ey, y, c, g & ir, ur, er, and ear. We will be doing Differentiated Spelling. Each child will come home with their own personal list of words in their Planners. Daily activities to reinforce spelling words include: Word Search, ABC Order, Double Puzzle, write a letter to your teacher using list words and finding meanings of the spelling words in the dictionary and using list words in sentences.

Dates to Remember:

December 9 - Christmas Concert 7:00 p.m.

December 10 - Dismiss 1:30. Inservice

December 16-

Bookmobile

December 19 -

Christmas Party - 2:15

Phonics & Grammar

*Genre: Realistic Fiction, and connect prior knowledge

Reading:

Read Aloud Anthology

"Baseball Mystery"

Guided Reading Groups:

Fluency,

comprehension skills,

predicting, and

author's message,

realistic fiction, and

author's purpose.

Independent Reading

and A.R. Tests

Check out his

website to see if a

book your child is

reading at home is an

AR test. [https://](https://www.renlearn.cm/store/quiz_home.asp)

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Vocabulary

Vocabulary is critical to reading because it supports comprehension and communication.

High Frequency Words for this week are: draw, picture, question, minute, bought, worry, especially, sure

Robust Vocabulary Words for this week are: distrust, witness, lock, beneath, bewildered, startle

Quick Tip: To expose your child to these words, one suggestion may include placing word cards around the house and having the student read and define the words as they find them.

In our literacy centers, we place the words on index cards with the definitions on the back. The students read the cards and work with partners to become more familiar with the words.

Writing: (Writing complete sentences)

We will write paragraphs about various pictures. Writing

Trait: (Ideas) Conventions (using the correct grammar, punctuation, and spelling). We will also work on describing. The students will also work on using effective word choices in their writing-such as rhyming words and colorful words to clarify description and revise word choices. Bullying Contract: I promise I will not bully others. I promise I will not hurt others through my words or my actions. I promise to be kind. Be Safe. Be ready to learn!

Read Aloud Charts

"Play" - (describing how we listen for a purpose)

Students will discuss what they enjoyed most about the poem.

"Did You Ever Think?" - Students will think about what is happening in the poem and the feeling they get from

Listening Center

Stories: "A Birthday Mystery"

By Kathy Darling

Genre: Non-Fiction

While listening to these stories, the students will learn new vocabulary words: distrust, witness, lock, beneath, bewildered

The students will also orally discuss the beginning, middle, and end of the story & the author's message. They will also learn about story structure.

Dec. Snacks

8- Tracy, Rayna

9-Evan

10- Kadence

11 -Jorja

12 -Cody

Thanks for providing snacks!!



We will be visiting Leisure Living to sing to the residents on December 12. We will be there at 11:30 and then go to the Senior Citizen's Center at 12:00 to sing to them. You are welcome to join us.

"Resolve to read each day! It will make itself felt throughout your life! Horace Mann

"We have so much to learn, let us teach one another as kindly as we can!"

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"Instill in our students a love of learning, a desire to know and to do what is right, and the knowledge and skill to face the future with courage."

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